GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA`S CONTRIBUTION TO UN REGULAR BUDGET
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution paid by India to United Nations the regular budget of during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) the basis for such contribution;

(c) the year in which the Committee of Contributions reviewed the scale of assessments on the last occasion;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the Indian contributions in view of the financial conditions of the country;

(e) if so, whether the issue has been taken up with the Committee of Contributions; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Committee of Contributions thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The contribution paid by India to UN regular budget during the financial year 2006-07 was Rs. 40.3 crores. The required contribution is intimated by the UN towards the end of the year and the same has not been received as yet for 2007-08.

(b) The contributions are based on an assessed scale of contribution. This assessed scale takes into account the country's share of the global Gross National Product adjusted with a discount for low per-capita income and the country's external debt.

(c) The Committee on Contributions reviewed the methodology of the scale of assessments for the UN regular budget in June 2007.

(d) No.

(e) & (f) Do not arise.